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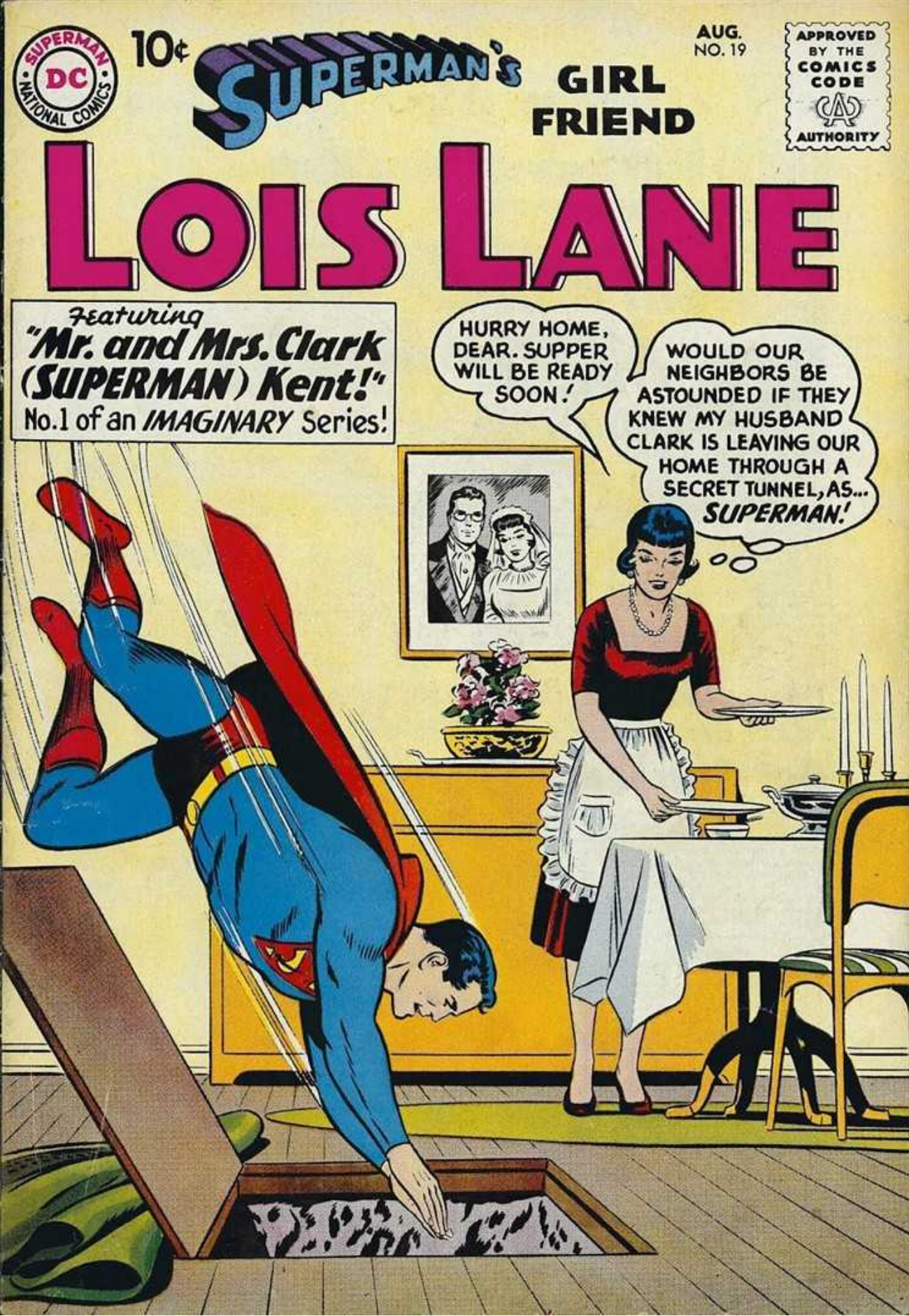
HURRY HOME, DEAR. SUPPER WILL BE READY SOON!
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GOSH, LOIS! AREN'T YOU GOING TO WATCH SUPERMAN MARCH IN THE PARADE?
NOT FOR A MILLION DOLLARS! WHY, SUPERMAN'S JUST A BIG HAM! YOU WON'T CATCH ME CHEERING THAT FLYING SHOW-OFF! I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO!

CAN WE BELIEVE OUR EYES? HAS LOIS LANE REALLY TURNED HER BACK ON THE WORLD'S MOST EXCITING BACHELOR, SUPERMAN? IS LOIS SO FICKLE THAT SHE HAS FORGOTTEN THAT SHE ONCE WORSHIPPED THE GROUND THE MAN OF STEEL WALKED ON? ALAS! IT TRULY APPEARS THAT SUPERMAN HAS FOREVER LOST HIS PLACE IN LOIS' HEART! FOR THE AMAZING REASON BEHIND LOIS' SUDDEN COOLNESS TOWARD HER FORMER IDOL, READ ABOUT...

The DAY LOIS LANE FORGOT SUPERMAN!

ONE EVENING, AS SUPERMAN FLIES LOIS LANE HOME FROM AN ASSIGNMENT...
WAKE UP, LOIS! YOU'RE HOME!
SO SOON?
;SIGH!; I WAS DREAMING THAT SUPERMAN WOULD KISS ME GOODBYE TONIGHT! MAYBE HE WILL!

BUT, ALAS, A MINUTE LATER...
MY LIPS WERE BEGGING FOR SUPERMAN'S KISS...;SOB!;...AND HE TOOK OFF WITH JUST A COOL GOODBYE! OH, LUCY, HOW I WISH I HAD NEVER MET HIM!
DON'T CRY, SIS! NO MAN IS WORTH A BROKEN HEART!

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OH, LUCY! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE STAYING WITH ME BETWEEN FLIGHTS!... SOB!... IF ONLY I COULD STOP LOVING SUPERMAN... OR GET HIM OUT OF MY MIND!
MY POOR SISTER, LOIS! SHE'S THROWING HER LIFE AWAY ON THIS HOPELESS LOVE!
TWO DAYS LATER, ON AN AIRLINER, AS STEWARDESS LUCY LANE WALKS DOWN THE AISLE...
HEY, FOLKS! LOOK WHO'S ABOARD! THE GREAT MAJO, THE FAMOUS HYPNOTIST! GOSH, MAJO! I'M A FAN OF YOURS!
THANKS, STEWARDESS!
SUDDENLY...
SAVE ME -- I'M AFRAID! GASP! MY INTUITION TELLS ME WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!
HMM! THAT POOR WOMAN IS HYSTERICAL! WE MUSTN'T LET HER PANIC THE OTHER PASSENGERS!
LOOK AT ME, MADAM! RELAX! AH! THAT'S IT! YOU'RE NO LONGER AFRAID OF FLYING! WHY, YOU LOVE FLYING!
GASP! HE'S USING THE GLARE OF HIS MONOCLE TO HYPNOTIZE HER INTO FORGETTING HER FEARS!
SHORTLY...
GOODNESS! WHAT A LOVELY VIEW BELOW! I DO ENJOY AIR TRAVEL! IT'S SO SAFE!
GASP! THE GREAT MAJO CURED HER OF HER FEARS! HOLY CATS! MAYBE HE CAN STOP LOIS FROM LOVING SUPERMAN!
THAT NIGHT, IN METROPOLIS...
METROPO
...SO I ASKED MAJO IF HE WOULD USE HYPNOSIS TO MEND YOUR BROKEN HEART! AND HE AGREED TO SEE YOU AFTER THE SHOW! BUT YOU MUST BE A WILLING SUBJECT, LOIS!
I'M GAME, LUCY!
Entire Week
The GREAT MAJO
WORLD FAMOUS HYPNOTIST!
HIS MAGIC POWERS WILL ASTOUND YOU!

TWO HOURS LATER, BACKSTAGE...
I THINK I CAN DO THE JOB, MISS LANE! BUT REMEMBER, ANY SUDDEN SHOCK WILL BREAK THE SPELL AND RESTORE YOUR LOVE FOR SUPERMAN!
PROCEED WITH THE HYPNOSIS! I MUST STOP LOVING HIM!

VERY WELL! LOIS LANE, YOU WILL FORGET THAT YOU EVER LOVED SUPERMAN! FROM NOW ON, HE'LL MEAN NOTHING TO YOU... UNDERSTAND?
YES... I WILL FORGET I EVER LOVED SUPERMAN... HE MEANS NOTHING TO ME!

PRESENTLY, WHEN THE TWO SISTERS LEAVE...
Celebrate SUPERMAN WE
HMM... IF THE HYPNOSIS "TOOK," LOIS SHOULD NO LONGER LOVE SUPERMAN! LET'S SEE HOW SHE REACTS TO THAT SUPERMAN SIGN!
LUCY, LOOK WHO'S PLAYING AT THE REGAL! PAT BOONE!
NOW PLAYING REGAL THEATER PAT BOONE
HELP METROPOLIS PAY HOMAGE TO THE MAN OF STEEL

GASP!! NO REACTION! I WONDER HOW SHE'LL RESPOND TO THIS BIG PARADE?
THE DOOMED PLANET
KRYPTON
SUPERMAN'S BIRTHPLACE
HMMPPHH! SUCH A FUSS TO MAKE OVER THAT SILLY SUPERMAN CHARACTER! YOU WON'T CATCH ME CHEERING THAT FLYING SHOW-OFF! I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO!

SOON, AT THE PLANET OFFICE...
YES, MR. WHITE! LOIS HAS BEEN HYPNOTIZED OUT OF HER LOVE FOR SUPERMAN! ONLY A SUDDEN SHOCK COULD RESTORE HER FORMER FEELINGS!
YOU'RE RIGHT, LUCY! LOIS IS IGNORING THE PARADE! ONCE SUPERMAN MEANT EVERYTHING TO HER! NOW HE'S NOTHING!

AN HOUR LATER...
PERRY TOLD ME ABOUT LOIS' HYPNOSIS... THAT ONLY A SUDDEN SHOCK COULD MAKE HER LOVE SUPERMAN AGAIN! HMM... HER TYPEWRITER RIBBON IS SNARLED! ER... LET ME FIX IT, LOIS!
WHY, THANKS, CLARK!
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WHAT A GENTLEMAN CLARK IS! ALWAYS SO SWEET AND COURTEOUS! HOW COME I NEVER APPRECIATED HIM BEFORE? I MUST GET THIS GUY TO DATE ME!
LOIS IS STARING AT ME SO INTENTLY! SOMETHING'S UP!
SHORTLY AFTER... ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER, CLARK! THE DAILY PLANET'S MOVIE CRITIC GAVE ME TWO TICKETS FOR TONIGHT'S 3-D CINE-DRAMA PREMIERE! SO I'M TAKING YOU! OKAY?
WHY...UH... SURE, LOIS!
WHAT ON EARTH IS SHE UP TO?
THAT EVENING, AS LOIS GOES HOME TO DRESS...
GOOD HEAVENS! I FORGOT TO GET RID OF LOIS' SUPERMAN PICTURES! THE SHOCK OF SEEING THEM MIGHT REVIVE HER LOVE FOR SUPERMAN!
LUCY! WHAT IS THAT CLOWN'S PICTURES DOING HERE?
I...ER...GOT THEM FROM A SUPERMAN FAN WHO WAS ON MY LAST FLIGHT!
I'LL REMOVE THEM BEFORE SHE SEE'S THE "TO LOIS" INSCRIPTIONS!
THROW THEM OUT! I WON'T HAVE THAT JUNK IN MY HOUSE!
LATER THAT NIGHT, AT THE THEATER...
GOSH, CLARK, YOU'RE SUCH PLEASANT COMPANY! IF ONLY YOU WEREN'T SO...WELL, SO TIMID, I COULD REALLY GO FOR YOU!
SHE'S CUDDLING CLOSER! YE GODS! SHE HAS FORGOTTEN SUPERMAN! I MUST DO SOMETHING TO DISCOURAGE HER SUDDEN LIKING FOR ME!
AS CLARK SEES HIS OPPORTUNITY...
THAT DAGGER!... GASP!... IT'S COMING RIGHT AT ME! HELP! HELP!
GOODNESS, CLARK! IT'S ONLY A 3-D PICTURE! TAKE IT EASY!
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AFTER THE SHOW...
I'M SORRY I ACTED SO FRIGHTENED, LOIS! I MUST HAVE EMBARRASSED YOU IN FRONT OF THE AUDIENCE!
NONSENSE, CLARK! A WOMAN OVERLOOKS MANY FLAWS IN A MAN IF SHE REALLY CARES FOR HIM! BESIDES, I ADMIRE YOUR HONESTY IN ADMITTING YOUR FAULTS!
3-D
CINA-DRAMA
SUDDENLY...
OKAY, BUDDY! RAISE 'EM! THIS IS A STICK-UP!
HERE'S MY CHANCE TO TURN LOIS' ADMIRATION INTO CONTEMPT!
LOIS! THIS THUG MAY SHOOT US! I'M RUNNING FOR MY LIFE!
BUT FATE INTERVENES...
OH-OH! I'M SLIPPING ON A BANANA PEEL! I'M SOMERSAULTING!
WHAT ROTTEN LUCK! I'M ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKING OUT THE CROOK JUST BY BRUSHING HIM WITH MY HAND!
CRACK!
MOMENTS AFTER...
WHAT A CLEVER MANEUVER, CLARK! YOU CONFUSED THE THIEF BY PRETENDING TO RUN AWAY! I WOULD'VE ENJOYED SEEING YOU KNOCK HIM COLD, BUT WHEN YOU HIT HIM YOU WERE BOTH STANDING IN THE SHADOWS!
YIPE! NOW SHE THINKS I'M A HERO! AND I CAN'T TELL HER THE TRUTH!
THE NEXT DAY, AT THE OFFICE...
THIS BEING LEAP YEAR, CLARK, A GIRL CAN ASK A FELLOW FOR A DATE! HOW ABOUT TAKING ME TO DINNER TONIGHT?
ER:..SORRY, LOIS! I'M STONE BROKE! AND IT'S FIVE DAYS UNTIL PAY DAY!
YOU POOR BOY! THEN I INSIST YOU JOIN LUCY AND ME AT MY APARTMENT FOR SUPPER! I'LL BET YOU COULD USE A SQUARE MEAL!
B-BUT...
I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS TWIST! I PRETENDED TO BE BROKE, THINKING THAT LOIS WOULDN'T BOTHER WITH ANYONE WHO CAN'T SAVE MONEY!

THAT EVENING, AT LOIS' APARTMENT...
LUCY RECEIVED A SUDDEN FLIGHT ASSIGNMENT! SO IT'S JUST WE TWO FOR DINNER! I'LL COOK UP THESE TWO TV DINNERS!
MAYBE I CAN SHORTEN THIS VISIT BY USING MY SUPER-BREATH TO COOL THOSE DINNERS INTO SOLID ICE!
SHORTLY...
NOW, AT SUPER-SPEED, I'LL MOVE THE FREEZER DIAL TO ITS COLDEST POINT SO LOIS WON'T SUSPECT ANYTHING!
SO YOU CAN'T DEFROST THE TV DINNERS, EH? I GUESS I'D BETTER TAKE OFF!
STAY PUT, CLARK! I'LL BUY SOME HAM STEAKS FROM THE DELICATESSEN ON THE CORNER
A HALF HOUR LATER...
HAVE SOME TOMATO JUICE WHILE THE HAM IS FRYING!
I REFUSE TO BE TRAPPED INTO A COZY EVENING HERE! I'LL BURN THOSE HAM STEAKS WITH MY X-RAY VISION!
TV Dinner
BUT AS THE INTENSE HEAT OF THE X-RAY BEAMS RADIATE TO THE FROZEN TV DINNERS...
WE'RE IN LUCK, CLARK! THE HAM STEAKS ARE BURNED TO A CRISP, BUT THE FROZEN DINNERS THAWED OUT! I'LL HAVE THEM READY IN A JIFFY!
GROAN!
I GIVE UP!
PRESENTLY...
TO THINK SOME GIRLS DREAM OF MARRYING A CELEBRITY LIKE SUPERMAN! WHY, THEY'D HARDLY EVER SEE HIM! HE'D ALWAYS BE DASHING OFF TO SOME EMERGENCY!
LOIS MUST BE PROPHETIC! MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS THAT TWO FERRY BOATS ARE ABOUT TO COLLIDE IN THE FOG!
BUT THE GIRL WHO MARRIES YOU, CLARK, COULD ENJOY A HOME LIFE WITH NO INTERRUP...
GASP!
W-WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HOME! ER...I'VE GOT A STOMACH-ACHE! I MUST GO HOME! S-SEE YOU TOMORROW, LOIS!
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OUTSIDE, AFTER CLARK SWITCHES TO SUPERMAN AND STREAKS INTO THE FOG...
I'VE COME BETWEEN THESE TWO FERRIES IN TIME TO KICK THEM OFF IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS... STRAIGHT TOWARD THEIR FERRY SLIPS!
WHUMMPP!
BUMMPP!

THE NEXT MORNING, AS CLARK, HAPPY TO HAVE NO APPOINTMENT COMING UP WITH LOIS, LOOKS AT HIS DESK CALENDAR PAD...
GOLLY! LOIS IS GETTING IN MY HAIR NIGHT AND DAY! I HAD MORE PRIVACY WHEN SHE WAS HERO-WORSHIPPING SUPERMAN!
June 23
Remember, Clark Kent: Tonight's the Annual Planet Ball! Save all your dances for me! Love & kisses, Lois

THAT NIGHT, AT THE PLANET DANCE...
A GIRL WOULD BE CRAZY TO MARRY A CELEBRITY LIKE SUPERMAN! COULD MRS. SUPERMAN DANCE ALL NIGHT WITH HIM AS I'M DANCING WITH YOU? NOPE! HE'D BE TOO BUSY HELPING SOMEBODY!
WE INTERRUPT THE MUSIC TO BRING YOU A RADIO FLASH!

SUPERMAN IS NEEDED! A CRANK HAS PLANTED A BOMB IN METROPOLIS TERMINAL! IT MUST BE FOUND AT ONCE!
EXCUSE ME, LOIS! ER...MY FEET HURT FROM DANCING! I'LL RETURN AFTER I REST THEM!
AND AFTER I HANDLE THIS EMERGENCY AS SUPERMAN!

SOON, AT METROPOLIS TERMINAL...
MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTS THE TICKING OF A BOMB INSIDE ONE OF THE HUGE ORGAN PIPES! THE MAD BOMBER MUST'VE LEANED OVER THE BALCONY AND DROPPED IT INSIDE THE HOLE!

TICK
TICK TICK
IT'S THIS PIPE!

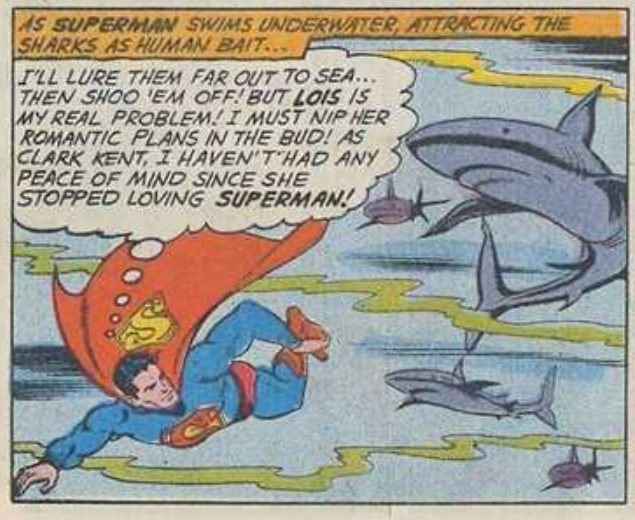
FFFWWTT
NOW I'LL USE IT LIKE A GIANT BLOW-GUN, BLOWING THE BOMB OUT WITH MY SUPER-BREATH TOWARD THAT OPEN WINDOW!

SHORTLY ON THE METROPOLIS RIVER...
LOOK! A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE WATER! :GASP!: HOW'D IT GET HERE? WE'RE A HALF MILE FROM SHORE!
BARROOOM!

LATER, AS CLARK RETURNS TO THE DANCE...
HMM... I SURE WISH SOME SHOCK WOULD RESTORE LOIS' LOVE FOR SUPERMAN! AS SUPERMAN, I COULD MORE EASILY AVOID LOIS!
HMM... A CALL FOR SUPERMAN AND CLARK DISAPPEARS! BUT NO! WHAT AM I THINKING OF? TIMID CLARK COULDN'T BE SUPERMAN!

THE NEXT DAY, AT THE ANNUAL PLANET BEACH PICNIC...
EVERYBODY OUT OF THE WATER! A SCHOOL OF SHARKS IS HEADING FOR THE BEACH!
A CROWD'S COLLECTING! GOOD! I CAN SLIP AWAY FROM LOIS, USE SUPER-SPEED TO REACH MY LOCKER WHERE MY COSTUME IS HIDDEN AND SWITCH TO SUPERMAN!

MINUTES LATER, AS SUPERMAN APPEARS...
CLARK'S DISAPPEARANCE AND SUPERMAN'S APPEARANCE ONCE AGAIN IS TOO COINCIDENTAL! IF CLARK IS SUPERMAN, I'M THROUGH WITH HIM! BEFORE I GET MORE INVOLVED, I MUST FIND OUT IF CLARK IS SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY!


AS SUPERMAN SWIMS UNDERWATER, ATTRACTING THE SHARKS AS HUMAN BAIT...
I'LL LURE THEM FAR OUT TO SEA... THEN SHOO 'EM OFF! BUT LOIS IS MY REAL PROBLEM! I MUST NIP HER ROMANTIC PLANS IN THE BUD! AS CLARK KENT, I HAVEN'T HAD ANY PEACE OF MIND SINCE SHE STOPPED LOVING SUPERMAN!

THE NEXT NIGHT, AT THE PLANET, AS CLARK WORKS ON A LATE EDITION...
LOOK, CLARK! A PRACTICAL JOKER FRIEND LOANED ME THIS PROP MACHINE-GUN! HE SAID IT FIRES BLANKS! I'LL TRY IT OUT!
:GASP!: DON'T AIM IT AT ME, PLEASE! IT MAY BE LOADED WITH REAL BULLETS!

NEXT MOMENT...
YIIEEEE!
RAT-A-TAT-RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!
HA! HA! DON'T BE AFRAID, CLARK! I WAS JUST TESTING TO SEE IF YOU WERE SUPERMAN... AND YOU'RE NOT! SUPERMAN WOULDN'T FEAR BULLETS BECAUSE HE'S INVULNERABLE! THIS PROP MACHINE-GUN DOES ONLY FIRE BLANKS!
I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE NOT SUPERMAN! I WOULDN'T BE HIS WIFE FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!
BUT THOSE WERE REAL BULLETS, LOIS! LOOK AT THE HOLES IN THE WINDOW! YOU ALMOST KILLED ME!
AS HORROR SURGES THROUGH LOIS' BRAIN...
GASP! T-THEN THEY WERE REAL BULLETS! YOU MIGHT'VE BEEN KILLED!...AND I'D HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF MURDER! OHHHH!
SURE THEY WERE BLANKS! THE INSTANT SHE POINTED THAT GUN, I SIGHTED DOWN THE BARREL WITH MY MICROSCOPIC VISION AND READ THE NAME OF A COMPANY THAT ONLY MANUFACTURES BLANK BULLETS!
"NOT WANTING LOIS TO THINK I WAS SUPERMAN, I PRETENDED FEAR! BUT AS I FELL, I THRUST MY STEEL-HARD FINGERS, AT BULLET-SPEED, THROUGH THE WINDOW TO CREATE FAKE "BULLET-HOLES"!
SHORTLY, AS LOIS RECOVERS FROM HER FAINT...
GASP! CLARK KENT! HOW DARE YOU PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND ME? YOU KNOW I LOVE ONLY SUPERMAN!
GOOD! MY TRICK WORKED! THE SHOCK OF THINKING SHE'D ALMOST KILLED ME DESTROYED LOIS' HYPNOTIC SPELL! SHE LOVES SUPERMAN AGAIN!
PRESENTLY, AS CLARK SECRETLY TRAILS LOIS TO HER APARTMENT HOUSE...
WHAT ARE MY BELOVED SUPERMAN PICTURES DOING IN THE ASH-CAN? HOW DARE YOU THROW THEM OUT, LUCY? THAT'S THE MAN I LOVE, AND I'LL NEVER GIVE UP TILL I MARRY HIM!
OH, WELL! I GUESS I CAN'T WIN... EITHER WAY!
THE END.

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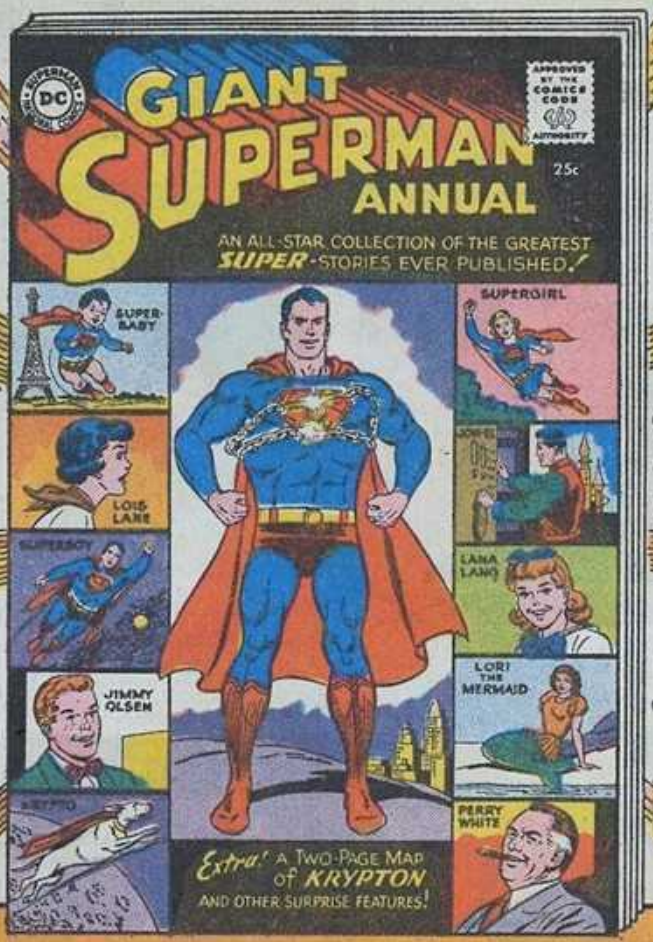

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GOOD NIGHT, ED. IT WAS A SWELL EVENING!
I'M TIRED. ED IS A SWELL BOY. THAT'S WHY I ACCEPTED HIS FRATERNITY PIN.
LATER -
R-RING
IT'S SIX O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING! WHO CAN BE RINGING THE DOORBELL?
WHY - IT'S YOU - ED! WHAT'S THE IDEA COMING AT THIS HOUR?
WELL, IF YOU WEAR MY FRATERNITY PIN AND WE'RE GOING STEADY AND EXPECT TO BE MARRIED SOMEDAY, I WANT TO SEE HOW YOU LOOK FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

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IF LOIS LANE ONE DAY ATTENDS A QUEEN IN THE PALACE OF A CAESAR... AND DRIVES A CHARIOT... AND FEEDS PRISONERS IN A DUNGEON... WELL, THE LOGICAL ANSWER WOULD SEEM TO BE THAT SHE'S MAKING A MOVIE! YET THE GIRL REPORTER THAT DAY IS NOT ONLY 2,000 MILES BUT 2,000 **YEARS** AWAY FROM HOLLYWOOD! YES, A WEIRD PHENOMENON SENDS THE GIRL REPORTER BACK TO ANCIENT TIMES WHERE SHE MEETS **SAMSON**, WHO PROVES HIMSELF TO BE...

"THE SUPERMAN of the PAST!"

WATCH, LORIS LAYNNE! I'LL BEND THESE DUNGEON BARS AND FREE THE PRISONERS OF CRUEL CAESAR!

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CAN'T WE HAVE THE PICNIC FIRST, CHIEF? I'M HUNGRY!

I'M SORRY, JIMMY, BUT FIRST WE'LL REHEARSE OUR COMEDY SKIT FOR THE **DAILY PLANET FOLLIES** SHOW ON **TV** NEXT WEEK! I'LL SET UP THE PROP THRONE MADE OF LIGHT BALSA WOOD!

SOON, EDITOR PERRY WHITE AND CUB REPORTER JIMMY OLSEN PLAY THEIR PARTS AS A DAFFY ROMAN CAESAR AND HIS COURT JESTER...

MY TRICKS DO NOT AMUSE YOU, O GREAT **CAESAR!**

BAH! GO AWAY! I'M TRYING TO THINK WHERE I PUT SOMETHING!

ENTER THE DANCING GIRL, WHO IS LOIS LANE, GIRL REPORTER!
CAESAR! YOU ARE EVEN IGNORING ME?
BEGONE, GIRL! HMM... WHERE CAN IT BE?
BEFORE CLARK KENT TAKES HIS CUE, ADJUSTING A FALSE BEARD...
HA, HA! IT'S A SCREAM TO SEE YOU DRESSED AS SAMSON, CLARK! YOU'RE JUST THE OPPOSITE OF A STRONGMAN!
IF LOIS ONLY KNEW I AM A SUPER-STRONGMAN... SUPERMAN! I HAD TO HIDE MY SUPER-SUIT IN THE BUSHES, THOUGH, IN ORDER TO WEAR THIS COSTUME!
AS THE COMEDY ACT RESUMES...
BEHOLD, CAESAR! MY MIGHTY MUSCLES CAN LIFT YOUR HEAVY THRONE LIKE A FEATHER! WHAT? YOU DO NOT NOTICE MY FEAT?
AH! IT WAS BEHIND MY THRONE ALL THE TIME!
FOR THE HUMOROUS FINALE...
MY DAY IS RUINED IF I CANNOT READ MY NEWS-SCROLL!
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! WE KILL OURSELVES ENTERTAINING HIM... FOR NOTHING!
YE DAILY ROMAN PLANET
PRESENTLY, A PAUSE DURING REHEARSAL...
TAKE TEN! THEN WE'LL DO IT OVER!
I'LL TAKE A STROLL AND PICK SOME FLOWERS!
LATER, LOIS CURIOUSLY ENTERS A SMALL CAVE, WHERE...
I'LL PICK THOSE QUEER FLOWERS AND... UH... THAT PERFUME IS OVER-POWERING! IT... IT MAKES ME D-DIZZY!
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QUEERLY, THE CAVE SEEMS TO FADE AWAY AS UNKNOWN FORCES GRIP LOIS!
OHHH! I HAVE THE STRANGEST FEELING THAT... UH... TIME IS GOING BACKWARDS! CENTURIES SEEM TO BE REELING PAST! WHERE WILL I... I END UP?

WHEN THE GIRL REPORTER'S VISION CLEARS...
G-GOODNESS! WAS I HURLED BACK ACROSS THE TIME BARRIER INTO ANCIENT TIMES? TH-THOSE ARE ROMAN SOLDIERS OF 2,000 YEARS AGO!

AND THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOME MAGIC IN THE FLOWER PERFUME THAT MAKES THEIR ANCIENT LANGUAGE SOUND LIKE ENGLISH TO ME!
AHA! WE FOUND THE SLAVE GIRL WHO ESCAPED FROM CAESAR'S PALACE! WE'LL BRING HER BACK!

WAIT... THIS IS A... A MISTAKE! I'M A GIRL FROM THE... ER... FUTURE CALLED LOIS LANE!
THAT IS RIGHT! LORIS LAYNNE FROM THE PROVINCE NAMED PHUCHURA! YOU ADMIT YOU'RE THE SLAVE-GIRL, EH?

LATER, AT THE REIGNING CAESAR'S PALACE...
YOU ARE LUCKY THAT MERRIO, THE COURT JESTER, IS AMUSING CAESAR AND HIS QUEEN! OTHERWISE IT MIGHT GO HARD ON YOU FOR TRYING TO ESCAPE!
MAYBE CAESAR WILL LISTEN TO THE TRUTH AND SET ME FREE!

BUT LOIS GETS NOWHERE BY REPEATING HER STORY...
FUTURE? 1960? 20th CENTURY? BE CAREFUL WITH THAT SLAVE-GIRL AROUND, HELENE! SHE'S OUT OF HER HEAD, BY ZEUS!
OH! HOW DARE THEY THINK I... I'M CRAZY!

AS THE QUEEN LEADS LOIS AWAY...
OOF! MY TRUNK IS HEAVY!
BUT IT'S ONLY FILLED WITH PUPPETS THAT WEIGH A TRIFLE, MERRIO! WHAT A WEAKLING YOU ARE! HA, HA!

BUT AMAZINGLY, AFTER THE JESTER REACHES HIS PRIVATE CHAMBER...
WEAKLING, AM I? NOBODY SUSPECTS THAT MY SECRET IDENTITY OF A SILLY COURT JESTER ONLY COVERS UP WHO I REALLY AM...

...SAMSON, THE STRONGMAN! I'LL LEAVE THE PALACE TO EXERCISE MY MUSCLES IN THE FOREST!

BUT THE ROYAL GUARD MUST NOT SEE ME! THE WICKED CAESAR WOULD EXECUTE ME IF I'M CAPTURED! I'M HIS ENEMY! I WILL LIFT THIS STONE BLOCK AND USE MY SECRET UNDERGROUND TUNNEL!

MEANWHILE, "LORIS LAYNE" IS UNDER THE QUEEN'S THUMB...
FASTER, LAZY GIRL! MORE HOT WATER FOR MY ROYAL BATH!
THIS IS THE...UGH!...TENTH JUG I'VE POURED IN! SHE'S TREATING ME LIKE A DOG! BUT IF I DISOBEY I'LL BE IN... ER... HOT WATER!

LATER, IN THE COURTYARD...
MY OTHER MAIDS WILL SING TO ME WHILE YOU TAKE THAT CHARIOT TO THE RIVER AND WASH MY SOILED CLOTHES! SCRUB THEM HARD, LORIS!
I... I'M GETTING ALL THE WORST JOBS! AND I... UH... NEVER DROVE A CHARIOT IN MY LIFE BEFORE!
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SUDDENLY, ON THE WAY, AS A BUMP MAKES LOIS LOSE HER GRIP ON THE REINS...
TH-THE HORSE BOLTED!
I'LL HAVE A BAD SPILL! AND THE ONE MAN WHO COULD SAVE ME IS 2,000 YEARS AWAY IN THE FUTURE... SUPERMAN!
BUT A "SUPERMAN" OF THE PAST IS IN THE FOREST NEARBY, SEEKING TO HARDEN HIS GREAT MUSCLES.
HELP!
THIS WILL EXERCISE ME! I'LL UPROOT THESE TWO TREES TO SAVE THAT MAIDEN!
LOIS CAN HARDLY BELIEVE HER EYES AS SAMSON STOPS THE RUNAWAY CHARIOT!
THE TREES WILL FORM A BARRIER THAT BLOCKS THE HORSE!
GOODNESS! YOU HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH LIKE... ER... SOMEONE ELSE I KNOW! WHO ARE YOU?
AFTER SAMSON TELLS HIS STORY...
...AND I WORK IN MANY WAYS AGAINST THE CRUEL CAESAR! I ONLY AVOID CAPTURE BY USING ANOTHER SECRET IDENTITY WHICH NOBODY KNOWS!
JUST LIKE SUPERMAN DOES!
BEFORE I LEAVE, I WILL HURL THIS BOULDER TO SCARE AWAY THOSE CROCODILES! THEN YOU CAN WASH YOUR CLOTHES SAFELY!
SAMSON IS WONDERFUL! IF I WEREN'T SO MADLY IN LOVE WITH SUPERMAN, I COULD GO FOR HIM!

BUT I... I DON'T KNOW OF ANY WAY TO RETURN TO THE 20TH CENTURY! I MAY BE ST-STUCK HERE IN THE PAST FOR THE REST OF MY L-LIFE! WILL I N-NEVER SEE MY BELOVED SUPERMAN AGAIN ? ... SOB!

BACK AT THE PALACE, LOIS IS GIVEN ANOTHER LOWLY CHORE BY THE QUEEN...
DEAR ME! I'VE FORGOTTEN TO FEED THE PRISONERS IN THE DUNGEON FOR THREE DAYS! BRING THEM SCRAPS OF MY FOOD, LORIS! IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR THOSE WRETCHES!

PRESENTLY, IN THE DARK DUNGEON...
ARE YOU MEN CRIMINALS?
NO! WE FAILED TO BOW QUICKLY ENOUGH WHEN CAESAR PASSED IN THE STREET ONE DAY! WE'LL BE EXECUTED TOMORROW FOR THAT "CRIME!"

SUDDENLY, AN UNEXPECTED RESCUE...
IT IS SAMSON... SMASHING DOWN THE DUNGEON DOOR WITH A GIANT BATTERING RAM!... UGH!
SMASH

WHILE THE GUARDS ARE UNCONSCIOUS...
I WILL LEAD YOU INNOCENT PRISONERS TO FREEDOM BEYOND THE PALACE!
SAMSON IS BENDING THE STEEL BARS! AND LIKE SUPERMAN IN THE FUTURE, HE'S THE CHAMPION OF THOSE IN NEED IN THIS AGE!

THE NEXT DAY, THE QUEEN HAS ANOTHER DUTY FOR LOIS...
TAKE MY CHILD FOR A SOOTHING RIDE IN MY ROYAL BARGE, LORIS! I'VE COMMANDED MERRIO TO GO ALONG AND AMUSE MY BABY! STOP HIM FROM CRYING OR YOU'LL BOTH BE PUNISHED!
WAHH WAHHHH!

SOON, ON THE RIVER...
YOUR DANCING PUPPET STOPPED THE CHILD'S CRYING, MERRIO! TELL THE OARSMEN TO TURN BACK!
B-BUT WE CAN'T! THE RIVER IS SWOLLEN AND A SWIFT CURRENT IS DRAGGING US THE WRONG WAY!
WE-WE CAN'T STOP OR TURN, NO MATTER HOW HARD WE ROW! AND WE'RE HEADING ST-STRAIGHT TOWARD THAT W-WATERFALL!
AS THEY ARE SWEPT TOWARD DOOM...
THERE'S STILL A CHANCE TO SWIM AWAY! JUMP OUT!
BUT MERRIO! THE MEN ARE CHAINED! AND I...I CAN'T SWIM WITH A BABY...OH, YOU COWARD!
BUT HIDDEN FROM SIGHT UNDERWATER, SUPER-POWERFUL STROKES TAKE THE JESTER TO SHORE WHERE HE SWIFTLY CHANGES!
I KEPT THIS ROPE HIDDEN IN THE FOREST FOR EMERGENCIES! I'LL SLING ITS LOOP OVER THE FIGUREHEAD AT THE PROW OF THE BARGE!
MIGHTY MUSCLES THEN WIN A TUG-OF-WAR AGAINST THE POWERFUL CURRENT!
SAMSON PULLED OUR BARGE AWAY FROM THE WATERFALLS JUST IN TIME! WE'RE SAVED!

PRESENTLY...
YOU PULLED THE BARGE RIGHT UP ON SHORE, SAMSON! ANY GIRL WOULD BE PROUD TO BE YOUR WIFE!
BUT I CANNOT BE MARRIED, LORIS! IF CAESAR FOUND MY WIFE, HE WOULD THREATEN HER UNLESS I SURRENDERED! HER LIFE WOULD ALWAYS BE IN PERIL!

THE SAME "EXCUSE" SUPERMAN ALWAYS GAVE FOR NOT MARRYING ME! WAIT... SAMSON IS LEAVING WET FOOTPRINTS! HMM... THEN HE WAS ON THE BARGE IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY AND SWAM TO SHORE! THE OTHER MEN WERE CHAINED, SO IT MUST HAVE BEEN... MERRIO!

EXCITEDLY, AFTER RETURNING TO THE PALACE, LOIS SLIPS INTO THE JESTER'S ROOM WHILE HE'S AWAY EATING, AND...
I MUST PROVE I'M RIGHT! I TOOK THE LIGHT PUPPETS OUT OF MERRIO'S CHEST! NOW I'LL FILL IT WITH BRONZE TABLEWARE THAT I SLIPPED OUT OF THE ROYAL KITCHEN! IT WILL TAKE ME SEVERAL TRIPS WITH THESE HEAVY DISHES!

WHEN THE JESTER RETURNS, LOIS SPRINGS HER TRAP...
OH, MERRIO! I HAVE A...ER...MESSAGE FROM CAESAR! HE COMMANDS YOU TO MOVE TO THE NEXT CHAMBER! TAKE YOUR TRUNK ALONG!

LOOK, MERRIO! TEN MEN COULDN'T LIFT THIS LOAD OF HEAVY BRONZE THINGS! YOU DID IT EASILY! THAT PROVES YOU'RE SAMSON!
GREAT ZEUS! I...UH... WELL, IT'S NO USE PRETENDING I'M MERRIO TO YOU! I'LL CHANGE!
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A SMART... AND PRETTY... GIRL LIKE YOU WOULD MAKE ME A FINE WIFE! I'M SURE YOU WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE KEEPING MY SECRET! MARRY ME, LORIS DARLING!
I'D LIKE TO, SAMSON, BUT I STILL LOVE ONLY SUPERMAN, WHO LIVES IN THE 20TH CENTURY!...

BUT I CAN'T RETURN TO 1960! I... I'LL NEVER SEE S-SUPERMAN AGAIN! CHOKE!... AND I'M QUITE FOND OF THIS SUPERMAN OF THE PAST! SO...
THE ANSWER IS YES, SAMSON!
THEN WE'LL BE MARRIED NOW, DEAR ONE! COME TO MY ARMS... UH... I'M ONLY GRASPING EMPTY AIR! LORIS!... YOU'RE FADING AWAY!... COME BACK!
I... I CAN'T! THOSE STRANGE FORCES... THEY'RE DRAWING ME THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER AGAIN! FAREWELL, SAMSON...
LOIS BLACKS OUT. AND WHEN SHE NEXT OPENS HER STARTLED EYES...
LOIS... WAKE UP! YOU WERE MISSING, AND WE FOUND YOU IN THIS CAVE! COME OUT! WE DON'T WANT TO BREATHE THE STRONG FUMES FROM THOSE FLOWERS!
UH... PERRY... CLARK ...JIMMY! I'M BACK IN 1960! BUT WAIT TILL I TELL YOU ABOUT MY STRANGE ADVENTURE IN THE PAST...
WHEN LOIS FINISHES...
...AND I ALMOST MARRIED SAMSON!
YOU THINK, LOIS! THE FUMES OF CERTAIN RARE BLOSSOMS ARE KNOWN TO CAUSE HALLUCINATIONS! THE PERFUME OF THOSE CAVE FLOWERS MADE YOU FALL ASLEEP AND DREAM IT ALL! HA-HA!
REMEMBERING OUR PLAY AND OUR OLD-TIME COSTUMES, YOU NATURALLY DREAMED OF GOING BACK TO ANCIENT TIMES! AND MERRIO, THE MEEK COURT JESTER, TURNING OUT TO BE THE SECRET IDENTITY OF SAMSON, IS AS SILLY AS CLARK KENT BEING SUPERMAN! HA, HA!
I... ER... GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, PERRY!
THE NEXT DAY IN METROPOLIS, AS LOIS SEES SUPERMAN ON HIS PATROL...
WAS IT A DREAM... OR NOT? IT SEEMED SO REAL! I... I GUESS I'LL NEVER REALLY KNOW IF I ALMOST MARRIED SAMSON, THE "SUPERMAN" OF LONG CENTURIES AGO!
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THAT NEW BOY WHO MOVED IN NEXT DOOR IS A DREAM! LET'S SEE NOW-- WHAT WOULD HE LIKE ME IN?
I'LL PUT ON THIS DRESS! IT DOES THE MOST FOR ME!
THOSE NEW PEARLS LOOK BEAUTIFUL! AND THIS COLOGNE AUNT ELLA GAVE ME -- MMM-DELIGHTFUL!
I'M GOING OUT TO SIT ON THE BACK LAWN, MOTHER.
HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW BOY WHO MOVED IN NEXT DOOR?
WHAT NEW BOY? I HADN'T NOTICED.
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THE END

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Dear Editor: Will there be any stories featuring Lois Lane in the GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL?
Yetta Silvers, Chicago, Ill.

(You bet! Among the stories represented will be two old-time favorites, "The Witch of Metropolis" and "The Fattest Girl in Metropolis." For further details about the ANNUAL, see full-page announcement elsewhere in this issue. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the May issue of LOIS LANE, you show SUPERMAN giving Lana Lang a Krypton blood transfusion. How could SUPERMAN give her some of his blood when everyone knows a needle cannot penetrate his super-skin. Please explain.
Julio Diaz, Bronx, N.Y.

(You didn't read the story carefully, chum. When SUPERMAN went to the hospital, the doctor told him: "Thank you for puncturing your skin with your fingernail, SUPERMAN, to make the transfusion possible . . . no needle on Earth could have penetrated your skin!" —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the story, "Lana Lang, Superwoman," you show SUPERBOY saving young Lana from a bull and saying: "Perhaps he wouldn't be so wild, Lana, if you removed that red bow!" It is a known fact that bulls are color-blind and the movement of the cloth is what excites them. Did you goof? **Edward Kemmerling, Parma, Ohio.**

(The theory that the color red excites a bull was prevalent back when SUPERMAN was a boy. Today, of course, both SUPERMAN and Lana Lang know that most animals are color-blind. Particularly Lana, since she has red hair. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the story, "The Girl Who Almost Married Clark Kent," on the eighth page, last picture, we see Doris throwing the bucket of ice at Clark Kent with her left hand, and the amulet flying off her left hand and out the porthole. I may be wrong, but didn't Doris wear the amulet on her RIGHT arm? **Bill Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.**

(You're right—it was right! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the story, "How Lois Lane Got Her Job," Lois pinned a $5.00 bill to her scoop and a note telling the finder to keep the money if he rushed the story to the Daily Planet. Well, what if the finder was dishonest? Only in fiction would a finder go out of his way when no one would know the difference. **Merry Winslow, Rye, N.Y.**

(Don't be so cynical about people, Merry. The average person is much more honest than you'd think. Ask the teacher in charge of Lost-and-Found at your school how many valuable things are turned in by the students who find them every day, then write us again. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I would like to know if you are ever going to print a story showing SUPERMAN and Lois Lane ACTUALLY married. I don't mean a robot, a double, or an android. What I want to see is the original Lois and Superman as husband and wife.
Pat Torrer, Chicago, Ill.

(See the story in this issue, "Mr. and Mrs. Clark (SUPERMAN) Kent." And in the next story of this series you will see what may happen when Clark and Lois decide to adopt SUPERGIRL. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the story, "The Kryptonite Girl," Lucy Lane's dog is named Duke. But in the story, "Miss Jimmy Olsen," the dog's name is Hamlet. Does Lucy have two dogs? I'm positive you can't get out of this one. **Steven Giordano, Bronx, N.Y.**

(Lucy has three dogs. The third one is named Rajah. Lucy's parents always kept at least two of the dogs on their farm and Lucy takes turns keeping one of them in her apartment. Fooled you, didn't we? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think SUPERMAN takes Lois Lane too much for granted. What he needs is good competition from some super-guy who appreciates her. How about it, editor? Lanny Baker, Memphis, Tenn.

(Lois Lane acquires one of the mightiest suitors of all time in the August issue of ACTION COMICS —none other than Hercules. (The story is entitled "Hercules in the Twentieth Century," and we predict you'll find it to be one of the most exciting stories we have ever published. In the meanwhile, will you settle for Lois' romance with the mighty Samson in this issue? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "The Super-Family of Steel," you showed the planet Venus as having two moons. My science teacher tells me Venus doesn't have any moons. A boo-boo maybe?
Wendy Mansell, Lloydminster, Canada.

(Your teacher's right, but you're wrong. We did not show Venus as possessing any moons. —Ed.)

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LOIS LANE

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HERE IT IS AT LAST..WHAT THOUSANDS OF READERS HAVE WRITTEN IN CLAMORING FOR...AN IMAGINARY STORY SHOWING HOW THINGS WOULD BE IF LOIS LANE LEARNED CLARK KENT WERE SUPERMAN AND MARRIED HIM! THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST OF MANY SUCH TALES WHICH COULD VERY WELL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE LIVES OF LOIS LANE AND SUPERMAN. BUT PERHAPS NEVER WILL! THE FIRST ADVENTURE IN THIS UNUSUAL SERIES CONCERNING THE MOST FANTASTIC MARRIAGE OF ALL TIME... (WHICH MAY NEVER TAKE PLACE, REMEMBER!)...IS ENTITLED...

MR. and MRS. CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT!

HURRY HOME, DEAR, SUPPER WILL BE READY EARLY TONIGHT!

WOULD OUR NEIGHBORS BE ASTOUNDED IF THEY KNEW MY HUSBAND, CLARK, IS LEAVING OUR HOME THROUGH A SECRET TUNNEL, AS... SUPERMAN!

EARLY ONE SUNDAY MORNING IN METROPOLIS, SEVERAL YEARS HENCE, ON A DAY THAT MAY OR MAY NOT EVER HAPPEN...IN THE SUBURBAN HOME OF MR. AND MRS. CLARK KENT, LOIS KENT AWAKENS...

HE'S STILL SOUND ASLEEP, THE DARLING! I'LL GO MAKE BREAKFAST FOR HIM BEFORE HE AWAKENS!

SOON, IN THE KITCHEN...

TO THINK I ONCE CONSIDERED CLARK KENT SOMETHING OF A PEST, LITTLE REALIZING HE WAS SECRETLY THE MIGHTY MAN I ADORED, SUPERMAN!

BACK DRIFT LOIS' THOUGHTS, BACK TO THE FATEFUL DAY CLARK HAD PROPOSED...
PLEASE MARRY ME, LOIS!
I CAN'T CLARK! THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE I LOVE, EVEN THOUGH HE MAY NEVER PROPOSE! IT'S... SUPERMAN!
BEFORE LOIS' AMAZED EYES, CLARK HAD PERFORMED AN ASTONISHING TRANSFORMATION...
CLARK KENT... REALLY SUPERMAN! OH, NO, I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
IF YOU STILL WANT ME, THE ANSWER IS YES! BUT WHY DID YOU WAIT SO LONG TO PROPOSE?
I FEARED THAT IF I MARRIED YOU, MY ENEMIES WOULD SEEK TO STRIKE AT ME BY HARMING YOU! BUT I'VE THOUGHT OF A SOLUTION...
AS FAR AS THE WORLD WILL KNOW, YOU'LL BE MARRYING MEEK, MILD CLARK KENT! YOU ALONE WILL SHARE THE SECRET OF MY REAL IDENTITY! THAT WAY YOUR LIFE WILL REMAIN SAFE!
AND SO THEY WERE MARRIED...
POOR THING! SHE'S MARRYING CLARK KENT BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T LAND SUPERMAN!
I HEARD THAT! BUT I DON'T CARE WHAT PEOPLE THINK, AS LONG AS I HAVE SUPERMAN FOR A HUSBAND... EVEN IF THE WORLD DOES BELIEVE HE'S CLARK KENT!
SUDDENLY, LOIS' THOUGHTS RETURN TO THE PRESENT AS MIGHTY ARMS UNEXPECTEDLY SPIN HER ABOUT AND HOLD HER IN A GENTLE GRIP...
HIS ARMS ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE... BUT HE HOLDS ME SO GENTLY! OH, HE'S WONDERFUL... WONDERFUL... SIGH...
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AFTER BREAKFAST, AS THE TELEPHONE RINGS...
YES, PERRY, I'LL GET WORD TO SUPERMAN RIGHT AWAY ABOUT THE EMERGENCY! THANKS FOR CALLING!
AS CLARK CHANGES TO SUPERMAN...
DOESN'T PERRY WHITE EVER TAKE A DAY OFF? WHAT EMERGENCY WAS HE TALKING ABOUT, HONEY?
THE CARLYLE OIL FIELD IS ABLAZE! I CAN SEE IT NOW, WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION! THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERMAN!
SOON, LOIS' DYNAMIC HUSBAND OF STEEL ENTERS THE SECRET TUNNEL EXIT IN THEIR HOME...
THAT OIL PROPERTY BELONGS TO OUR RICH NEIGHBORS, THE CARLYLES!
THERE ARE SOME OTHER TASKS I MUST DO, TOO, LOIS, SO DON'T EXPECT ME BACK UNTIL SUPPER-TIME! GOOD-BYE, DEAR!
A SPLIT-INSTANT LATER, SUPERMAN FLASHES OUT OF A DISTANT WOODS, AND UP INTO THE SKIES...
YEARS AGO, IN SMALL-VILLE, A SECRET TUNNEL LIKE THIS KEPT PEOPLE FROM LEARNING THAT SUPERBOY LIVED WITH MA AND PA KENT AS THEIR SON, CLARK KENT! NOW A SIMILAR TUNNEL HELPS KEEP PEOPLE FROM LEARNING THAT I'M MARRIED TO LOIS!
MOMENTS LATER, AT THE OIL FIELD...
SUPERMAN IS CAPPING THE BLAZING OIL VENT WITH HIS BARE HANDS, DESPITE THE FLAMES!
HE'S SHUTTING OFF THE OXYGEN SUPPLY, SO THE OIL WILL STOP BURNING!
HE PUT THE BLAZE OUT, AND NOW HE'S GOING TO DO THE SAME TO THE OTHER FLAMING WELLS! WHAT A MAN!
I'LL HAVE THINGS UNDER CONTROL HERE IN A JIFFY! THEN I'LL GET ON WITH MY OTHER TASKS!

MEANWHILE, IN THE KENT RESIDENCE..
NEWS BULLETIN! SUPERMAN JUST EXTINGUISHED THE FIRES AT THE CARLYLE OIL FIELD!
THAT'S MY HUSBAND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT! I'M SO PROUD!

STROLLING, LOIS ENCOUNTERS A NEIGHBOR...
THEY'RE TAKING MY HUSBAND'S LATEST PAINTING TO THE METROPOLIS ART GALLERY WHERE IT WILL BE THE CHIEF EXHIBIT! I'M SO PROUD OF MY HUSBAND!
HOW NICE, MRS. TALBOT!
HER ATTITUDE IS THAT MY HUSBAND IS A NOBODY! GOODNESS, BUT I'D LOVE TO TELL HER THAT MY SUPERMAN CAN DO PRACTICALLY ANYTHING SUPERBLY!

AND AS LOIS WALKS ON...
THAT'S MY HUSBAND, JOHN, RETURNING FROM WASHINGTON, WHERE HE HAD A CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT! POLITICS IS SO DEMANDING!
BIG DEAL! MY HUSBAND HOB-NOBS WITH BIG-SHOTS ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE, SO THERE! BUT CAN I TELL ANYBODY ABOUT IT? NO!
URR-APRRRRRRR

FINALLY, AS LOIS SPEAKS TO ANOTHER NEIGHBOR...
EXCUSE ME, LOIS! I HAVE A VISITOR!
IT'S MRS. WINTHROP CARLYLE, THE RICHEST WOMAN AROUND HERE, AND A BIG WHEEL ON THE TOWN COUNCIL!

WHAT A MORNING! MY HUSBAND'S OIL WELLS WERE ALMOST DESTROYED, AND I'VE BEEN SO BUSY INVITING THE TOWN'S TEN BEST COUPLES TO THE TOWN COUNCIL DANCE! PLEASE COME!
WE'LL GO--WHY NOT INVITE OUR NEW NEIGHBORS, THE KENTS, TOO? THIS IS MRS. KENT!

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN INVITE...ER...ONLY IMPORTANT PEOPLE! YOUR HUSBAND IS JUST A NEWSPAPERMAN, ISN'T HE, MRS. KENT? YOU CAN SEE WHY I CAN'T POSSIBLY...
WE WOULDN'T GO IF YOU BEGGED!
YOU SNOB! IF MY HUSBAND HADN'T SAVED YOUR HUSBAND'S OIL WELLS, YOU'D BE WIPED OUT!

LATER, WHEN SUPERMAN RETURNS HOME THROUGH THE SECRET TUNNEL...
GREAT GUNS! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
;SOB;...I-I'M SO SIZZLING MAD, I RUINED THE MEAL, AND B-BURNT MY FINGER... ;SOB;...
;SOB;... SOME OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOMEN THINK THEY'RE SO GRAND! THEIR HUSBANDS ARE SO BRILLIANT, SO CLEVER, THEY SAY! THOSE WITCHES PRACTICALLY CAME RIGHT OUT AND TOLD ME I MARRIED A CREEP!... ;SOB;...
;SOB;... NO ONE IS MORE WONDERFUL THAN YOU! I'VE GOT THE WORLD'S SWEETEST, SMARTEST, STRONGEST MAN... ;SOB;... BUT THE TROUBLE IS... ;SOB; NOBODY KNOWS IT... ;SOB;...
AW, PLEASE DON'T CRY, HONEY! I WANT THE WHOLE WORLD TO KNOW I MARRIED A WONDERFUL GIRL... BUT WE CAN'T RISK GETTING YOU KILLED...
COME ON, BE BRAVE! LET'S SEE A SMILE! EVEN A LITTLE ONE! SMILE, IF YOU WANT A SUPER-KISS...
;SNIFF;
WHAT DO I CARE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK? I'VE GOT A MARVELOUS HUSBAND, AND I'M THE L-LUCKIEST GIRL ON EARTH!
AND DON'T WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HEAD ABOUT MAKING LUNCH! HERE ARE SOME HAMBURGERS FRIED BY MY X-RAY VISION!
STOP BEING SO DARNED SWEET, OR YOU'LL MAKE ME BAWL AGAIN...

NEXT MORNING, AT THE DAILY PLANET, WHERE LOIS STILL WORKS...
CLARK MUST HAVE SEEN SOMETHING ON THE TELETYPE THAT REQUIRED HIM TO GO INTO ACTION AS SUPERMAN! HE'S CLEANING HIS GLASSES...IT'S THE PREARRANGED SIGNAL THAT HE WANTS ME TO HELP HIM GET AWAY...

SHORTLY, AFTER LOIS PLACES SOME MICROFILMS IN THE NEWSPAPER'S STORAGE VAULT...
NOW TO GO INTO MY ACT SO CLARK CAN SWITCH TO SUPERMAN!
HELP! CLARK IS LOCKED IN! I ABSENT-MINDEDLY CLOSED AND LOCKED THE DOOR WHILE HE WAS INSIDE! THE TIME-CLOCK WON'T OPEN FOR AN HOUR! HE'LL SUFFOCATE!
RELAX, LOIS! THERE'S ENOUGH AIR IN THERE FOR HIM UNTIL THE SAFE OPENS!

MEANWHILE, CLARK, WHO HAD NEVER ENTERED THE VAULT, SWIFTLY FLIES TO A SOUTH SEA ISLAND AS SUPERMAN...
THE TELETYPED NEWS ITEM WAS CORRECT! THAT ISLAND IS BEGINNING TO SINK INTO THE SEA DUE TO AN EARTHQUAKE!

RAPIDLY BUILDING A GIANT RAFT OUT OF TREES, SUPERMAN EVACUATES THE ISLAND'S INHABITANTS BARELY IN TIME...
THERE IT GOES, UNDERWATER! I'LL TAKE THESE PEOPLE TO ANOTHER ISLAND AND BUILD NEW HOMES FOR THEM!

LATER, AS THE TIME-LOCK PERMITS THE DAILY PLANET'S STORAGE-VAULT DOOR TO OPEN...
I'M WHIZZING PAST THEM SO SWIFTLY, THEY DON'T SEE ME! NEXT, I'LL QUICKLY CHANGE BACK TO CLARK KENT!

And as...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I ACCIDENTALLY LOCKED YOU IN, DEAR!
OH-HHH, MY NERVES!
HOW IRONIC! I USED TO TRICK LOIS AS CLARK, IN ORDER TO GET AWAY INTO ACTION AS SUPERMAN! NOW SHE HELPS ME FOOL OTHERS, FOR THE VERY SAME PURPOSE!

THAT EVENING, WHILE CLARK AND LOIS WAIT FOR HER SISTER LUCY TO REACH THEIR HOME...
I JUST LOVE THIS GORGEOUS CHAMELEON DRESS YOU BROUGHT TO ME FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
ITS COLORS CHANGE, DEPENDING ON THE MOOD OF WHOEVER WEARS OR TOUCHES IT! RIGHT NOW IT'S BLUE, REFLECTING YOUR HAPPINESS!

HA! I WISH SOME OF THOSE SNOOTY NEIGHBORS COULD SEE ME IN THIS FABULOUS GOWN!
NOW YOUR DRESS IS RED BECAUSE YOU'RE ANGRY!
I WISH I COULD OPENLY RAVE ABOUT YOU, THE WAY THE OTHER WOMEN BOAST ABOUT THEIR HUSBANDS!
AND NOW THE DRESS IS GREEN... THE COLOR OF ENVY! BETTER REMOVE THE DRESS BEFORE LUCY ARRIVES!

LATER, AS LOIS SHOWS HER SISTER SOME OF HER CLOTHES...
OH, I SIMPLY ADORE THAT ONE! LET ME HOLD IT BEFORE ME!
ULP! I TOOK THE CHAMELEON DRESS OUT OF THE CLOSET BY MISTAKE! IF LUCY TOUCHES IT, IT WILL CHANGE COLOR AND SHE'LL KNOW IT'S FROM ANOTHER WORLD!

RELUCTANTLY, LOIS SACRIFICES HER FAVORITE GOWN...
YOU'RE TOSSING IT IN THE FIREPLACE! WHY?!
IT'S JUST AN OLD RAG I DON'T WANT ANYMORE!
I COULDN'T SAY IT WAS A GIFT FROM SUPERMAN, OR LUCY MIGHT HAVE BEGUN TO SUSPECT CLARK MIGHT BE THE MAN OF STEEL!

LATER, AFTER AN ENJOYABLE COOK-OUT...
I'VE GOT TO LEAVE FOR SOME VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS! HAVE FUN, GIRLS!
LUCY AND I WILL PROBABLY GO SEE A MOVIE!

WHEN THE TWO GIRLS ARE ALONE...
I'M GLAD YOU AND CLARK GET ALONG SO WELL! FRANKLY, I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET OVER YOUR CRUSH ON SUPERMAN...
CLARK AND I ARE VERY HAPPY!
BECAUSE HE IS SUPERMAN! OH, WHAT A SHAME I CAN'T EVEN LET MY OWN SISTER IN ON THE SECRET!

LATER...
TODAY ONLY HOLLYWOOD STAR, GLORIA LAMOUR, IN PERSON! ALSO APPEARING SUPERMAN
GLORIA "FORB
SUPERMAN IN PERSON! LET'S GO IN!
IT'S NO COINCIDENCE, OUR COMING HERE! I THOUGHT I'D CHECK ON MY HUSBAND'S VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS!
SOON, IN THE THEATER LOBBY...
MISS LAMOUR, IT'S A PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO YOU ON BEHALF OF METROPOLIS' THEATER OWNERS FOR YOUR PERFORMANCES IN MANY FINE MOVIES!
OH, THANK YOU!
SMACK
GROAN!... SHE'S IMPULSIVELY KISSING ME... R-RIGHT IN FRONT OF... L-LOIS!
THE HUSSY! I OUGHT TO TEAR HER HAIR OUT!
ONCE UPON A TIME YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN TERRIBLY UPSET TO SEE ANOTHER WOMAN KISSING SUPERMAN!
IT'S THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM! WAIT'LL THAT HARD-WORKING HUSBAND OF MINE GETS HOME! I'LL SLAUGHTER HIM!
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU LOOK SO CALM!
WHEN LOIS' SUPER-SPOUSE NERVOUSLY RETURNS TO HIS LOVE-NEST...
LOIS! BE REASONABLE! I COULDN'T TELL THAT ACTRESS I WAS MARRIED! YOUR LIFE DEPENDS UPON OUR KEEPING IT A SECRET!
I KNOW! BUT I STILL DON'T LIKE IT!
AFTER LOIS SIMMERS DOWN...
I'M SO UNHAPPY! WON'T PEOPLE EVER KNOW WE'RE MARRIED?
DULL LIFE WOULD BE WITHOUT PROBLEMS! BUT AT LEAST, DEAR, WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER!
MAYBE... SOME DAY! MEANWHILE, THINK HOW
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